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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Communication dated 11 September 2001.

The Applicants request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Substitute the attached Abstract for the one presently in the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 1-10, and add Claims 11-16 as follows:

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--11. Method for tracking control of a head unit with respect to data tracks on a data medium, which data tracks are arranged essentially parallel to the movement direction of the data medium relative to the head unit, wherein the data tracks are divided into successive data sections, which are each subdivided into an initial region and a useful region, wherein the method comprises the following steps:

- a) determining primary measured values from a first control track extending within the initial region and the useful region while a data section is moving past the head unit;
- b) determining secondary measured values from a second control track extending within the initial region while the initial region of a data section is moving past the head unit;
- c) determining a first tracking signal from the primary measured values;

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